

FIGHTING FOR PRO-LIFE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week in my district, under the leadership of Lisa Van Riper, Holly Gatling, and Sally Zaleski with South Carolina Citizens for Life, along with Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette and Attorney General Alan Wilson, I was grateful to participate in the largest ever-attended pro-life events in the state.

Tomorrow in Washington, the annual Pro-Life March will take place where thousands come together to embrace the birth of babies on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

This increasing level of support is better understood than ever before.

I am grateful to fight for pro-life values and am committed to advocating for the lives of the unborn, while also protecting the rights of health care providers who refuse to engage in abortions.

The Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to believe that trillion-dollar spending “costs zero dollars.”

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOUG HEAD

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Doug Head was born in Midland, Michigan. He earned a degree in economics at Lawrence University in Wisconsin but spent over a year studying at the University of Singapore. He served in the Peace Corps in Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay before becoming a Central Florida resident in the early 1980s. Doug became the Executive Director of an organization that lobbied on behalf of AIDS patients, which he received recognition for in *Forbes* magazine calling him one of the ten most powerful voices in the insurance industry.

In the late 1980s, Doug became interested in politics and ran his first campaign in 1986. He also volunteered for the local Democratic party and worked to modernize their computer database. Soon after, Orange County's party registration flipped from a majority of Republican voters to a majority of Democratic voters. Doug served as Orange County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Chair from 1992 to 2004 and as the Orange County DEC's State Committeeman from 2016 to 2020.

As Chair, Doug encouraged interest groups to form clubs within the party. The first of which was the Orange County Rainbow Democratic Club, which was created in 1993 to promote the rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community. He also hosted a monthly social event, called “First Friday,” which became a gathering place for likeminded Demo-

crats in Central Florida who attended the event to network and strategize about campaigns and registering Democrats.

Doug later became the chair of County Watch, a local watchdog group, that pushed for transparency and accountability in county government and agencies. He also worked with local non-profit organizations to empower minority committees. Doug was a mentor to many aspiring political operatives and community leaders. His wealth of knowledge was widely recognized and respected among political leaders across Florida.

He made several TV appearances, including the Daily Buzz and Central Florida news affiliates for FOX (WOFL) and ABC (WFTV), as well as being quoted in journals and newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *National Underwriter* and *Chicago Tribune*, among others.

Doug Head passed away on the evening of November 13, 2021, in Orlando and is survived by his sisters, Meredy Jenkins and Barbara Cornelius, and his brother-in-law, Dennis Jenkins. His decades of commitment to the Central Florida community and the Democratic Party left a lasting foundation for others to build upon. His wisdom and guidance will be missed by many.

LAND CONVEYANCE FROM BEALE AIR FORCE BASE TO THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation that would convey a small land parcel at Beale Air Force Base (AFB) in northern California to the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority for the Congressionally authorized Yuba Goldfields Levee Improvement Project. I thank my colleague Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA01), the bill's original cosponsor, who represents the neighboring Congressional district.

The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority is responsible for providing 200-year flood protection for southern Yuba County in California, protecting homes, businesses, and military infrastructure at Beale AFB. As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, I secured authorization for the Yuba Goldfields Levee Improvement Project in the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-270). The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority is the non-federal sponsor for this project, which will provide 200-year level of flood protection to the community surrounding Beale AFB.

Specifically, this project extends the Yuba River South Levee and crosses Beale AFB outside the fence line. Upon completing survey work for the proposed levee improvement project, the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority discovered that the U.S. Air Force owned a small parcel of approximately 0.3 acres outside the fence line and separated from the rest of Beale AFB by Smartville Road. In September 2020, I helped to secure a 25-year easement from the Air Force on be-

half of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority needed to construct, operate, and maintain the levee.

However, this legislation would convey ownership of the 0.3-acre parcel from the Air Force to the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, so that the non-federal sponsor can continue to ensure area flood control in perpetuity. This public interest land conveyance will ensure that the area, including Beale AFB, is better protected from future flooding.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I plan to legislate this land conveyance necessary for the long-term maintenance of the Yuba Goldfields Levee Improvement Project in the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act, if necessary. This is but one example of how Congress can make our military installations more resilient to flooding and other extreme weather exacerbated by climate change by improving coordination between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' civil works projects and the service branches.

REMEMBERING DONALD EUGENE JORDAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Donald Jordan, who passed away on November 28th after a courageous and lengthy battle with cancer.

Mr. Jordan is a lifelong Michigander born in Flint, Michigan, on April 15, 1943. In 1961, he graduated from Plymouth High School but stayed connected to his school and classmates through his leadership as a member of the Class Reunion Committee. In college, he was an active member of the Fraternity Phi Delta Tau and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1975 with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Jordan worked at Ford Motor Company for over 30 years, during which time he earned his Professional Engineering Certification. He is survived by his wife Alice Jordan, his sons James and David, and his grandchildren Maxwell, Isabella, and Josue.

Mr. Jordan loved spending time with his family. They traveled on many vacations, including camping trips up North, Cooperstown, Myrtle Beach, Toronto, and Key West, but his favorite was the annual trip to Cancun. As a husband, he was deeply devoted to Alice, and they cared for each other through the course of their 49 years of marriage. As a father and grandfather, he was dependable and comforting, very involved in his children and grandchildren's activities, and always in the stands cheering them on.

In his free time, Mr. Jordan was a band member at his church and a proud member of the Plymouth Community Band. He played several instruments, including the euphonium, and taught accordion lessons. Furthermore, he volunteered at the Ascension Hospital for many years, where he valued the opportunity to care for others.

Mr. Jordan lived his life devoted to his family, helping others, and caring for the community around him. His example of love for his family and his community will forever be a reminder to his children, his grandchildren, and